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Concluding remarks and responses of Djibouti to the recommendations from the third cycle of the universal periodic review on 10 May 2018

1. On behalf of the Republic of Djibouti, the Interministerial Committee for the Preparation and Submission of Reports to Treaty Bodies presents its compliments to the Human Rights Council for the welcome extended to the delegation headed by the Minister of Justice on the occasion of its universal periodic review on 10 May 2018 and warmly thanks all the delegations that participated.

2. The report and the interactive dialogue that followed illustrated the commitment of the Republic of Djibouti to fulfilling its human rights obligations by presenting all the Government's achievements in the consolidation and strengthening of human rights since its previous universal periodic review in April 2013. The exercise was an opportunity to assess the importance Djibouti attaches to the universal periodic review process, particularly in terms of the number of recommendations from the second review cycle and the quality of the arrangements proposed for the implementation of those recommendations.

3. The Government of Djibouti welcomes the recommendations addressed to it and assures it is carrying out the reforms and implementing the development strategies centred on the promotion and protection of human rights for all segments of the population.

4. In line with its commitments, in the following paragraphs Djibouti shares its position on the recommendations made to it.

5. Ongoing efforts will be made in terms of the ratification of and accession to international conventions and with regard to the reform of the national legal framework to ensure more effective measures to guarantee fundamental human rights.

6. The following recommendations are accepted by Djibouti and all possible steps will be taken towards their implementation.

7. The accepted recommendations are:

129.1, 129.2, 129.3, 129.4, 129.5, 129.6, 129.7, 129.8, 129.10, 129.14, 129.17, 129.18, 129.19, 129.20, 129.22, 129.23, 129.24, 129.25, 129.26, 129.30, 129.36, 129.37, 129.38, 129.39, 129.40, 129.41, 129.42, 129.43, 129.44, 129.45, 129.46, 129.47, 129.48, 129.49, 129.50, 129.52, 129.53, 129.54, 129.55, 129.56, 129.57, 129.58, 129.59, 129.60, 129.61, 129.62, 129.63, 129.64, 129.65, 129.66, 129.67, 129.68, 129.69, 129.70, 129.71, 129.72, 129.73, 129.74, 129.76, 129.77, 129.78, 129.79, 129.80, 129.81, 129.82, 129.83, 129.84, 129.85, 129.86, 129.87, 129.88, 129.89, 129.90, 129.91, 129.93, 129.95, 129.96, 129.97, 129.98, 129.99, 129.100, 129.101, 129.103, 129.105, 129.107, 129.108, 129.109, 129.110, 129.111, 129.112, 129.113, 129.114, 129.115, 129.116, 129.118, 129.119, 129.120, 129.121, 129.122, 129.123, 129.124, 129.125, 129.126, 129.127, 129.128, 129.129, 129.130, 129.131, 129.132, 129.133, 129.134, 129.135, 129.136, 129.137, 129.138, 129.139, 129.140, 129.141, 129.142, 129.143, 129.144, 129.145, 129.146, 129.147, 129.148, 129.149, 129.150, 129.151, 129.152, 129.153, 129.154, 129.155, 129.157, 129.158, 129.159, 129.160, 129.161, 129.162, 129.163, 129.164, 129.165, 129.166, 129.167, 129.168, 129.169, 129.171, 129.172, 129.173, 129.174, 129.175, 129.176, 129.177, 129.178, 129.179, 129.180, 129.181, 129.182, 129.183, 129.184, 129.185, 129.186, 129.187, 129.188, 129.189, 129.190, 129.191, 129.192, 129.193, 129.194, 129.195, 129.196, 129.197, 129.198, 129.199, 129.200, 129.201, 129.202.

8. The Republic of Djibouti takes note of the recommendations concerning the ratification of the Optional Protocols to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, namely recommendations **129.9, 129.11, 129.12, 129.13, 129.15 and 129.16**.

9. The Republic of Djibouti takes note of recommendation **129.21** on ratification of the statelessness conventions.

10. The Republic of Djibouti takes note of the recommendations on invitations to the special procedures, namely recommendations **129.27, 129.28, 129.29, 129.31, 129.32, 129.33, 129.34 and 129.35**.

11. The Republic of Djibouti takes note of recommendation **129.51** on the training of security forces to put an end to acts of violence against peaceful demonstrators.

12. The Republic of Djibouti takes note of recommendation **129.75** on legislative amendments to eradicate torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

13. The Republic of Djibouti takes note of recommendation **129.92** on the arrest of supporters of opposition parties.

14. The Republic of Djibouti takes note of recommendation **129.94** on the restriction of political and social freedoms.

15. The Republic of Djibouti takes note of recommendations **129.102, 129.104 and 129.106** on freedom of communication.

16. The Republic of Djibouti takes note of recommendation **129.117** on amending article 4 of the Act on the formation of political parties.

17. The Republic of Djibouti takes note of recommendation **129.156** on repealing articles of the Family Code concerning discrimination against women.

18. The Republic of Djibouti takes note of recommendation **129.170** on the adoption of a military code of conduct.

19. The Republic of Djibouti takes note of recommendation **129.203** on the release of human rights defenders, including journalists and bloggers.